

Minutes Alford Select Board

July 11, 2022- Approved

Present: Select Board Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski, TJ Horrigan

Others Present: Lucy Prashkar

Others present via zoom: Jayne Smith, Jake Eberwein, and Frank Cote

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of June 27, 2022 approved by Ketchen and Puciloski as written

6:03pm Henden-Wilson arrived

8 Town Regional School District Planning Board:

Lucy Prashker gave an overview and status update on the progress of the 8 Town board. Prashker noted with declining enrollment and increased operating cost the current model of education is not sustainable. The advisory board voted in April to combine the two school districts leaving the elementary and middle schools as they are and combining 9-12 building a new high school building to include a vocational training center. The priority of the 8-town board is community outreach and focus groups. They have presented to the Great Barrington Rotary and the Great Barrington Senior Center and will be presenting to the Select Boards of each member town. The board is currently exploring funding options for the future and may need financial supports from the member towns next year.

BOH update: Smith reported Berkshire County is still in "Green". The Southern Berkshire Health Collaborative is working on a model for self-reporting. Smith reported she would only be conducting water testing on the Green River on Route 71 since the HVA will be testing the Alford Brook.

Highway: Horrigan reported the WRAP funds for FY2023 have been approved by the state for \$57,946 dollars. The new clothing recycling boxes are $\frac{3}{4}$ full already

Town Clerk: Henden-Wilson reported the State is going to require early voting hours one Saturday before the September Primary and 2 Saturdays before the November Election

Other Business: Puciloski made a motion to pay the Town Clerk a \$750 retention stipend from the ARPA funds. Ketchen seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 in favor. Henden-Wilson abstained from the vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Germain